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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
YEAR 1956.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Kidwelly Borough.
Mr. Mayor & Gentlemen,

The health of the Borough, apart from epidemics of Influenza and Measles, was good during the year. The Vital Statistics except as regards the death rate, compared more than favourably with the National Statistics. It is gratifying to report that the Infant Mortality rate was again Nil.

The number of new cases of Tuberculosis was again reduced as compared to previous years, whilst the deaths from this disease were Nil. The Mass Radiography Unit visited the area during the year.



BOROUGH OF KIDWELLY.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST 1956.

TO THE KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

We beg to submit the Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1956.

SECTION A - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE BOROUGH.

- a. Your district covers an area of.....2844 acres.
- b. Population (Mid-year 1956) Est.by Registrar General.....3010
- c. Number of inhabited houses (end of 1956).....890
- d. Number of families or separate occupiers.....915
- e. Sum represented by a Penny Rate on R.R.V.....£67.0.0
- f. Rateable Value.....£18,951.0.0
- g. Unemployment. The average number of enemployment for the year was 35 weekly, out of an insurable population of 1,200 which is equivalent to 2.91%.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Births and Deaths.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
h. Live Births. Legitimate.	19	27	46
Illegitimate.	1	1	2
i. Still Births. Legitimate.	-	1	1
Illegitimate.	-	-	-
j. Deaths.	23	14	37
k. Deaths of infants under one years of age.	-	-	-
l. Deaths from puerperal causes.	-	-	-

Rate per 1,000 of estimated population.

<u>Crude</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>	<u>Rate for</u>
<u>Rate.</u>	<u>Rate.</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>

Live Births.	15.9	15.6	15.6
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Deaths.	12.3	14.6	11.7
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Still births rate per 1,000 Live & Still Births.	20.4	-	23.0
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Infant Mortality.

Rate per 1,000 Live Births.	-	-	23.8
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TUBERCULOSIS - NOTIFICATION OF NEW CASES.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
m. New cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis.	1	4	5
New cases of Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis.	-	1	1
Deaths from Tuberculosis.	-	-	-
Deaths from Cancer.	3	-	3

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN THE BOROUGH DURING THE YEAR 1956.
REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S STATISTICS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus.	1	-	1
Other malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms.	1	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	1	6	7
Coronary disease, angina.	10	-	10
Hypertension with Heart Disease.	1	-	1
Other heart disease.	1	4	5
Pneumonia.	-	1	1
Bronchitis.	1	3	4
Other diseases of respiratory system.	3	-	3
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	1	-	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases.	1	-	1
All other accidents.	1	-	1
Total	<u>23</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>37</u>

SECTION B - PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following infectious and other notifiable diseases were notified during the year 1956:-

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Measles.	2	-	2
Scarlet Fever.	-	1	1
Dysentery.	-	2	2
Erysipelas.	-	2	2
Respiratory T.B.	1	4	5
Non-Respiratory T.B.	-	1	1
Total	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>

MASS RADIOGRAPHY UNIT.

The Mass Radiography Unit of the Welsh Regional Board visited the town. 773 people from the general population were X-rayed. A table of findings is given later.

DIPHTHERIA.

There were no cases of diphtheria in the area during the year.

Immunisation figures for the 12 months were:-

	<u>Primary Immunisation.</u>	<u>Boosters.</u>
Children under 5 years.	51	75

VACCINATION. No figures are available for the Borough.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION. Vaccination for selected groups against Anti-Poliomyelitis was commenced in the area during the year 1956.

GENERAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

<u>Clinic.</u>	<u>Where Held.</u>	<u>When Held.</u>	<u>Times.</u>
Infant Welfare.	Trinity Methodist Vestry.	Alternate Tuesdays.	2 - 4.0.p.m.
Ante-natal.	do	Fridays.	9.30.a.m.-12.noon.
Chest Clinic.	Bay View, Capel Rd.Llanelly.	Daily.	9.a.m. - 5.p.m.
Veneral Diseases.	Llanelly General Hospital.	Males Thursdays.	6.30.p.m.-9.0.p.m.
		Females. Wednesday.	2.0.p.m. - 4.p.m.
		Treatment only-daily.	7.30.a.m. - 4.30.
		Saturdays.	7.30.a.m. - 1.p.m.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Specimens are sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Carmarthen, and to the Public Analyst, Carmarthen.

DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOOD.

National Welfare Food which were formerly distributed by the Ministry of Food, are now distributed under arrangements of the Carmarthenshire County Council.

The centre is open daily at the Borough Offices, Kidwelly.

HOME NURSING EQUIPMENT.

Sick-room and nursing articles and equipment required for patients at home can be obtained as follows:-

- a. From the County Nursing Association or from District Nursing Associations. Applications should be made to the District Nurse.
- b. From the County Medical Officer of Health. Patients are charged according to the family circumstances and the cost of the article.

Equipment provided under the County Council arrangements include air beds, air rings, bed cradles, bed pans, back rests, crutches, urinals, waterproof sheets etc.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

The Home Help Service is organised by the Carmarthenshire County Council.

The Home Helps are provided during the laying-in period in maternity cases where the patient has no relative available to undertake the domestic duties of the home, and also in certain cases of sickness or need. For those on National Assistance, domestic help can be arranged when needed through the National Assistance Board.

The Health Department collaborate closely with the officials responsible for the services enumerated above.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE.

The Officer duly authorised to take initial proceedings under the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, for the provision and care and treatment of persons in the are suffering from mental illness is Mr.D.A.John, 61, Llandafen Road, Pemberton, Llanelly.

MENTAL DEFECTIVES.

The Carmarthenshire County Council is responsible for the ascertainment, supervision and general welfare of mental defectives.

Supervisory home visits are made by a Social Worker and a Home Teacher is also employed for the home teaching of mental defectives. An occupation Centre was opened at the old Neveill's Foundry Offices, Anne Street, Llanelly, during 1956.

Defectives who cannot be fitted into the community are referred to the Regional Hospital Board for admission to suitable institutions.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1947.

No action under the above Act was taken during the year.

VAPOUR GAS DISINFECTOR.

This was jointly acquired by the Llanelly Borough, Llanelly Rural, Burry Port U.D.C. and Kidwelly Borough Councils and was installed early in 1955.

SECTION C - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER. The Town's supply is obtained from wells in different parts of the district, and from deep seated springs tapped and delivered by cast iron mains to the town. All supplies are constant.

CAPEL SUL SUPPLY. This yields a minimum supply of about 14,000 gallons per day.

MILLANDS SUPPLY. During the summer months, this supply is used to augment the Capel Sul Supply. During the year 1956 the pumps were used for 6,513 hours as compared with 6,123 hours in 1955.

C.A.E. CEFN SUPPLY. This supply gives a minimum flow of 15,000 gallons per day. A gauging chamber has been fixed to record the overflow from the collecting chamber which has shown a constant flow of 10,000 gallons daily.

MAESGWENLLIAN SUPPLY. This is from deep seated springs tapped in a disused Silver Mine Adit Level, giving a minimum supply of approximately 36,000 gallons in 24 hours. There is a storage tank for 10,000 gallons

CHLORINATION OF SUPPLIES. The three supplies are constantly chlorinated and chlorination tests of water are taken daily (including Sundays).

CONSUMPTION OF WATER. The estimated consumption of water for the year was:-

Domestic consumption.....	31.52 gallons per head per day.
Industrial consumption.....	14.46 gallons per head per day.
Total -	45.98 gallons per head per day.

The supplies have been satisfactory in quantity. 32 samples of water were taken during the year and found to be satisfactory. Examinations are made by the Public Health Laboratory, Carmarthen. 35 samples were taken of raw water. The waters are not plumbo-solvent.

All houses have direct supplies except 40 which are supplied from standpipes. The population supplied by standpipes is 220 which is 4.64%.

RIVERS AND STREAM. No action was necessary during the year.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of houses connected to sewer.....	325.
No. of houses to cesspool.....	39.
No. of cesspools in area.....	13.
No. of notices served to lay sewers through private land.....	2.


The remainder of houses have earth closets.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES. There are two Public Conveniences in the centre of the town which are cleaned and disinfected daily. The convenience in Station Road provide for Ladies and Gentlemen and the one on the Bridge is a stall urinal.

SCAVENGING. House refuse is collected weekly from all houses in the Borough by motor lorry and is tipped on the Morfa Mawr Embankment and Parc Stephens where it is deposited to raise the level of the Park.

SMOKE ABATEMENT. There was not complaint or evidence of smoke nuisance in the town during the year.

SHOPS. No notices were served under Section 10 of the Shops Act, 1933.



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SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Houses inspected for nuisance.....	1
Houses fumigated after infectious diseases.....	2
Factories.....	52
Dairies.....	16
Ico-cream premises.....	14
Bakehouses.....	10
Butcher's shops.....	18
Cinema.....	3
Rat infestation.....	500
Drains.....	38
Water courses.....	10
Public Conveniences.....	52
Water Supply.....	323

LIST OF REPAIRS EXECUTED.

Repairs to water services.....	325
Repairs to doors.....	13
Repairs to roof.....	11
Repairs to chimneys.....	4
Galv., tanks, copper cylinders and boilers replaced.....	33
Drain blockages cleared.....	38

Notices served under Section 23 - 1925 of the Public Health Act.....4

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS. There are no such baths in the Borough, but a considerable amount of sea-bathing is enjoyed during the summer months by the inhabitants.

SCHOOLS. The three schools in the Borough are - Infants and Primary. They are kept in a hygienic condition. The water supplies are from the Council's mains. Canteens are available in each school.

The school Medical Officer is Dr. Rees Evans. The Borough Medical Officer of Health works in conjunction with him and his staff. It was not necessary to close the schools on account of any epidemic. The powers to exclude any individual children and contacts are used.

31 children from the Borough attend Burry Port Central School. They are conveyed to and from school by bus.

MORTUARY. One Post Mortem was held in the Council's Mortuary during the year. Post Mortems are now being performed at the Llanelly Hospital.

CAMPING SITES. There are no camping sites in the Borough.

SECTION D - HOUSING.

1. a. Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Act.....29
- b. Number of inspections made for the purpose.....35
2. a. Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932.....6
- b. Number of inspections made for the purpose.....11
3. a. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under proceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation.....3
4. a. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.....3

REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officer.....29

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of Housing Act, 1936.

1. Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
 - By owners.....6
 - By Local Authority in default of owners.....NIL
2. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.....6

Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

- a. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.....3
- b. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
 - By owners.....3
 - By Local Authority in default of owners.....NIL

Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- a. Number of dwelling houses in respect of Demolition Orders.....1
- b. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.....1

Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- a. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.....NIL
- b. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit.....NIL

HOUSING ACT 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

- a. Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year.....6
- b. Number of families dwelling therein.....9
- c. Number of persons dwelling therein.....30
- d. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.....4
- e. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year...1
- f. Number of persons concerned.....4
- g. Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.....NIL

HOUSING GENERALLY.

No houses were completed by private enterprise during the year 1956.

HOUSING PROGRAMME OF THE COUNCIL (POST WAR).

Houses already built and occupied on Hillfield Housing Site.....	32
Houses already built and occupied on Horeb Road Housing Site.....	20
Houses already built and occupied on Priory Road Housing Site.....	54
Houses already built and occupied on Pen-yr-erw Housing site.....	6
Total	<u>112</u>

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The number of food premises in the area are:-

	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Number registered.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>
Butchers.	3	3	6
Grocers.	15		15
Confectioners.	2	2	10
Bakers.	1	1	4
Fish Shops.	1		1
Dairies.	8	8	16
Factories.	2	2	12
	<u>32</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>64</u>

CLEAN FOOD. Posters are displayed in Public Buildings drawing attention to the Public to Food Hygiene.

CONDEMNED FOOD. 32 condemnation certificates were issued for 85 separated tins mainly comprising of tins of luncheon meat, fruit, milk etc.

Condemned food is buried in lime on the Council's refuse tip.

Under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, Carmarthenshire County Inspectors take samples of milk for examination in regard to addition of water and percentage of fat.

10 samples of ice-cream were taken and upon examination were found to be in the following grades:-

Grade 1	-	9
Grade 2	-	-
Grade 3	-	-
Grade 4	-	1

Report of all unsatisfactory samples are followed up.

ADULTERATION ETC. No action was necessary under the various powers.

SHELL-FISH. There are no shell-fish beds in the district.

RODENT CONTROL. The Council employ a Rodent Operator for the destruction of rats in the Borough.

MAINTENANCE TREATMENT FOR RATS IN SEWERS.

Total number of manholes in foul and connected systems.....	206
Number of treatments carried out.....	2
Number of manholes baited.....	206
Number of manholes showing prebait take.....	40
Number of manholes showing complete prebait take.....	16

Inspection of all farms in the Borough are carried out quarterly.

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	Local Authority.	Dwelling Houses.	All Other.	Total.	Agric.
No.of properties in Local Authority's District.	3	816	150	969	43
No.of properties inspected as a result of:-					
a. Notification.		25		25	
b. Survey under the act.	3	600	86	689	43
No.of properties inspected in Sect.11.which were found to be infested by.					
a. (Major Rats(Minor	2	190	86	278	9
(Major Mice(Minor	1	80		81	
No.of infested properties in Sect 4. treated by L.A.	3	270	86	359	

We remain,
Your obedient Servants,

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TABLE A.

WELSH REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD - MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE.
 Details of Mass Radiographic Survey carried out at
 Kidwelly amongst the General Population. October 1956.

	Grand Total.	Under 15		15 to 24		25 to 34		35 to 44		45 to 59		60 & Over		TOTAL	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Total number examined.	773	7	16	33	30	69	71	90	96	136	115	76	34	411	362
Number found to be abnormal. (a & b)	163 or 21.09%	2	-	1	1	13	4	27	7	52	14	37	5	152	31
Classification of abnormal cases:-															
Requiring further observation.	12 or 1.55%	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	4	2	2	-	9	3
Other abnormalities of the chest.	151 or 19.54%	2	-	1	-	10	4	27	7	48	12	35	5	123	28

ANALYSIS IN AGE GROUP.

